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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE

1. PRIME MINISTER BURNHAM AHAS ASKED FOR ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING HOSPITALIZATION, DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT FOR AMERICAN CITIZEN WIFE OF HIS SPECIAL ASSISTANT, CHRISTOPHER NASCIMENTO, AT BEST POSSIBLE FACILITY.

2. MRS. ELAYNE NASCIMENTO HAS HISTORY OF APPARENT BLOOD DEFICIENCIES. WAS ATTENDED LAST YEAR BY DR. S. CHARLES KASDON, 127 BAY STATE ROAD, BOSTON, MASS. TESTS UNDERTAKEN AT NEW ENGLAND MEDICAL CENTER HOSPITALS CLINIC, 171 HARRISON AVE, BOSTON, MASS. RESULTS, WHICH UNDERSTAND WERE GENERALLY INCONCLUSIVE, TRANSMITTED TO DR. KASDON IN MAY 1972 BY DR. LEWIS R. WEINTRAUB, ASST PROF OF MEDICINE, DEPT OF HEMATOLOGY.

3. MRS. NASCIMENTO HAS BEEN UNDER CARE HERE OF ONE DR. P. D. ARJOON. HE AND CONSULTANTS CONCERNED THAT SHE HAS NOT RESPONDED TO TREATMENT FOR ANEMIA AND SUSPECT MORE SERIOUS PROBLEMS. BLOOD COUNT REMAINS DANGEROUSLY LOW IN THEIR OPINION. HAVE URGED THAT SHE SEEK ATTENTION ELSEWHERE AS HER CASE CANNOT BE INVESTIGATED FURTHER IN GUYANA. LETTER FROM DR. ARJOON GIVING RESULTS NUMBER BLOOD ANALYSES OVER PERIOD OF TIME BEING HAND- CARRIED TO GUYANA DESK OFFICER TOMORROW BY PAO NOEL.

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4. WHILE NO ONE WILL SAY SO POSITIVELY, INDICATIONS ARE ALL CONCERNED HERE SUSPECT LEUKEMIA. EARLY AND ACCURATE DIAGNOSIS THUS SEEMS BE FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS.

5. PRIME MINISTER AND MR. NASCIMENTO WOULD APPRECIATE ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE RECEIVE MRS. NASCIMENTO AT APPROPRIATE FACILITY. HAVE MENTIONED SLOAN- KITTERING INSTITUTE IN NEW YORK BUT, SINCE HER HOME ORIGINALLY BOSTON, FACILITY IN THAT AREA, INCLUDING NEW ENGLAND MEDICAL CENTER WHERE SHE PREVIOUSLY EXAMINED, WOULD PERHAPS BE PREFERABLE IF ALL OTHER THINGS EQUAL IN MINDS COMPETENT DEPT AUTHORITIES.

6. NASCIMENTO IN KEY SPOT CLOSE TO BURNHAM AND HAS BEEN MOST HELPFUL TO EMB IN PAST. FOR THIS REASON, AS WELL AS BECAUSE OF HUMANITARIAN CONSIDERATIONS, HOPE DEPT CAN BE RESPONSIVE THIS REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE.

7. AS MRS. NASCIMENTO PLANNING FLY TO NEW YORK APRIL 20, WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY RESPONSE. KING

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